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SUBJECT: EMBASSY REQUESTS REMOVAL OF RECENTLY INTRODUCED
RESTRICTIONS ON VISA FOR AMERICAN BUSINESSMEN

REFS: (A) STATE 62931, (B) MOSCOW 2851, (C) STATE 85493

1. CONSULAR COUNSELOR, ACCOMPANIED BY COMATT, CALLED
ON MFA CONSULAR ADMINISTRATION DEPUTY CHIEF I.I. VASILYEV
AND SECOND SECRETARY Y.N. LUNIN ON APRIL 22 TO REQUEST
EXPEDITIOUS REMOVAL OF VISA RESTRICTIONS CITED REFTEL A,
AND HANDED NON-PAPER TO VASILYEV. LATTER RESPONDED
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THAT HE WAS UNFAMILIAR WITH THOSE MATTERS SINCE VISAS TO
BUSINESSMEN ARE HANDLED BY OVIR. HE AGREED TO CHECK AND
LET EMBASSY KNOW WHETHER THERE ARE IN FACT SUCH
RESTRICTIONS AND IF YES, WHETHER ANYTHING CAN BE DONE
ABOUT REMOVING THEM.

2. EMBOFFS ALSO RAISED QUESTION OF RECENT PRACTICE OF

ISSUING ONLY SINGLE-ENTRY VISAS TO AMERICAN DEPUTY HEADS OF US FIRMS ACCREDITED IN MOSCOW. VASILYEV POINTED TO EXCHANGE OF NOTES (MFA NOTE NO. KU-333 OF MARCH 16, 1973 AND EMBASSY NOTE NO. 242 OF MARCH 26, 1973) WHICH CALLS FOR RECIPROCAL ISSUANCE OF MULTIPLE EXIT/ENTRY VISAS TO "HEADS" OF AMERICAN FIRMS ACCREDITED IN USSR AND OF SOVIET PERMANENT COMMERCIAL REPRESENTATIONS IN US. CONSULAR COUNSELOR POINTED OUT THAT INTERPRETATION OF WORD "HEADS" BY SOVIET AND AMERICAN SIDES HAS HERETOFORE INCLUDED BOTH CHIEFS AND DEPUTY CHIEFS AND THAT BOTH CATEGORIES HAVE BEEN RECEIVING MULTIPLE EXIT/ENTRY VISAS UNTIL SOVIET SIDE RECENTLY IMPOSED UNILATERAL CHANGE. VASILYEV AGREED TO LOOK INTO MATTER AND INFORM EMBASSY OF RESULT.

3. EMBOFFS ALSO RAISED ISSUE OF INACCURATE AND INCOMPLETE SPONSORSHIP INFORMATION SUBMITTED TO EMBASSY BY MFA IN CONNECTION WITH SOVIET BUSINESS VISITS TO US CITED REFTEL C. SOVIET SIDE SAID IT WOULD TRY TO CORRECT THAT PRACTICE.
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